

# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
P.O. BOX 1054      WINDER, GA 30680-1054

**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., May 15      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 1      6:00 PM  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., June 5      7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., June 6      6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., June 6      6:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 13      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 15      6:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., June 15      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., June 20      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 27      7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)**

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	Teeny Allison	Terry Raber
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Mark Staley – Sec.	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Debbie Reid – Asst. Sec.	Tim Walker	Dianne Craig
Bob Lanham – Tr.	Charles Powell	Ken Young
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Marty Rahinsky
David Gunter	Gary Taylor	Janice Jones
Terry England	Pat Graham	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523
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Asst. Secretary	Debbie Reid	706-684-0065
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Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459
	email: <a href="mailto:lanhamrj@hotmail.com">lanhamrj@hotmail.com</a>	
Asst. Treasurer	Mike Pentecost	770-868-6046
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C.C. Dist. 1 Rep.	Lucretia Hughes	404-422-2558
C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	Gary Taylor	678-449-5775
C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Open	
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-425-4127
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Dianne Craig	678-367-9593
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932
Barrow 10 <sup>th</sup> District Rep.	DuWayne Anderson	

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

**LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!**

##### 7:30 PM #####

##### May 15, 2017 #####

**STATE SEN. FRANK GINN  
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW  
AND**

**POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR GAGOP OFFICES**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 4/30/16)

Membership	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
Regular	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26	30	22
Advanced	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	46
Barrow 100	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	13	8	13	7	9	5
Barrow 360	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Students				4	3	2	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91	96	76
Renewals	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	69
New	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6	19	7

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## WE NOW NEED YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Illegal border crossings from Mexico have dropped 36 percent as of February from the year before. Crossings also fell between January and February, when typically they increase as the weather gets warmer. The reduction is a sign that Trump’s message of actual enforcement has been sent and received. Open-borders advocates often argue that illegal immigration is inevitable. To the contrary, February shows that the migrant flow responds to incentives, and that enforcement changes them. (*National Review*)

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**REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM PARTY**  
**LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\* LIMITED GOVERNMENT**  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>May 15 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>June 2-3 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>State Convention</b> (Augusta)
<b>June 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>July 17 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 21 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 26 (Sat)</b>	<b>ANNUAL BARROW BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 18 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Oct 16 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting

**LOOKING AHEAD**

National Day of Prayer – May 4 (Thursday)  
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Monday)  
Armed Forces Day – May 20 (Saturday)  
Memorial Day Observed – May 29 (Monday)  
D-Day – June 6 (Tuesday)  
George H.W. Bush Birthday – June 12 (Monday)  
Flag Day – June 14 (Wednesday)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2017**

Melinda Williams     David Crosby     Mike Rice  
Jud Smith             Rickey Bailey     Harry Downing  
Ronnie Morrow

**FROM THE EDITOR**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2017.** If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our **May 15** meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or go on-line to our web site for a credit/debit purchase. Please be encouraged to upgrade your membership to a higher level, if possible. We appreciate your support!

We had a great meeting with good attendance last month. We heard from John Watson, candidate for GAGOP Chairman, and our State Rep. Terry England, House Appropriations Chairman. An operations spending resolution to cover the period between May 1 and December 31, 2017 was passed unanimously. Work committee appointments were also made. These appointments are published on the next page.

Our local rules allow the voting members of the new County Committee to consider adding more voting members between the odd-year County Conventions. We have only done this four times since 1995 and only in odd-years (too much going on during election years). If you want to be considered for addition as a voting member, please contact Chairman Clay Kelley (or fill out the **blue** form at our next meeting). Your request will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. There is no guarantee that anyone will be added.

Many thanks to all of our delegates/alternates who attended the District Convention. Barrow had the largest delegation present (26). The new District officers are Chairman Karen Schwind (Clarke), First Vice-Chair Janice Westmoreland (Baldwin), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Jeff Cowart (McDuffie), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chair Mary Alice Carter (Jasper), Secretary Cathy Ware (Oglethorpe), Asst. Secretary Miriam Shook (Clarke), Treasurer Kirk Shook (Clarke), and Asst. Treasurer Mike D’Antonio (Greene).

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **May 15, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be our State Sen. Frank Ginn. We may also have some work committee reports. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend!

Ken Young

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**2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS**

Bethlehem Community Center  
Bethabra Church                     Marty Rahinsky  
Bramlett Elementary                 John Stevens  
Westside Middle School             David Gunter  
Statham Fire Dept.                     Richard Pepper  
Winder-Barrow High School  
Statham Elementary  
Winder First Baptist Church         John Reavis  
Winder Lions Club                     DuWayne Anderson  
Barrow County Rec. Dept.             Bob Lanham  
Apalachee High School                 Kathy Hopkins  
Midway Methodist Church             Dianne Craig  
Winder Community Center             Terry Raber  
Cedar Creek Baptist Church  
County Line Elementary                 June Miller  
The Church at Winder

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**POLITICAL BREAKFAST**

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political breakfast group at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **May 20, 2017**, at 9:00 AM. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

This is an informal group of conservatives who gather to eat, fellowship, and discuss the issues. This provides a chance for our members to meet, in addition to our monthly business meetings. It is a great way to recruit new members, and stay up on what’s going on.

**GOLDEN CORRAL - WINDER  
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017  
9:00 AM**

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“Champion of Christian, Conservative Seniors” – *AFA Journal* – Randall Murphree – January 2017 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2017/january/champion-of-christian-conservative-seniors/>

“What Trump Can Do – And Can’t” – *Forbes* – Rich Karlgaard – January 24, 2017 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2017/01/10/what-trump-can-do-and-cant/#1d1a8ab5142f>

“Inauguration: Really Quite Surreal” – *AFA Journal* – Tim Wildmon – March 2017 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2017/march/inauguration-really-quite-surreal/>

“Caretaker of the chrysalis” – *The Economist* – March 11, 2017 – [www.economist.com/news/china/21718531-should-it-be-taken-seriously-bold-reformist-talk-chinas-parliament](http://www.economist.com/news/china/21718531-should-it-be-taken-seriously-bold-reformist-talk-chinas-parliament)

**2017 STATE DELEGATES** (22)

AUGUSTA

Ken Young	Clay Kelley	Terry Raber
Lucretia Hughes	Teeny Allison	Bob Lanham
Kathy Hopkins	Leonard Koonce	June Miller
Dianne Craig	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Mike Pentecost	Beverly Kelley	David Gunter
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	DuWayne Anderson
Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper	Tim Walker
Debbie Reid		

**2017 STATE ALTERNATES** (9)

Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	Cal Neff
Wayne Grimes	Josephine Jones	Terry England
Janice Gunter	Bronti Rudloff	Joe Rudloff

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**2017 – 2019 WORK COMMITTEES**

**ELECTIONS**

**PLATFORM**

Clay Kelley (Chair)	Lynn Stevens (Chair)
John Stevens	Debbie Reid
Mike Pentecost	June Miller
Ken Young	Lucretia Hughes
Later Additions	DuWayne Anderson
	Dianne Craig
	David Gunter

**ANNUAL BBQ**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Ken Young (Chair)	Marty Rahinsky (Chair)
Mel Golder	David Gunter
Dianne Craig	Tim Walker
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Lynn Stevens	Gary Taylor
Clay Kelley	Janice Jones
Beverly Kelley	
Lucretia Hughes	
Leonard Koonce	
Mark Staley	
Tim Walker	
Teeny Allison	Bob Lanham (Chair)
Debbie Reid	Mike Pentecost
Marty Rahinsky	Clay Kelley
Josephine Jones	

**FINANCE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RULES**

Mike Pentecost (Chair)	DuWayne Anderson (Chair)
Ken Young	June Miller
Richard Pepper	Dianne Craig
Bob Lanham	John Stevens
John Stevens	David Gunter

**HOLIDAY DINNER**

Teeny Allison (Chair)
Debbie Reid
Linda Powell
Tim Walker
Gary Taylor
Janice Jones

**PROGRESSIVES BECOMING WHAT THEY ‘HATE’ THE MOST**

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

The stereotype of the intolerant Christian minister – smug, overbearing, self-righteous, judgmental – has become a staple of Hollywood coming-of-age films. Think John Lithgow’s Rev. Moore in the original “Footloose.”

There’s just one problem: I’ve known literally dozens of Christian ministers – been around them all my life – yet never met a single one who fit that mold.

Perhaps Hollywood’s portrayal of ministers harks back to an earlier time: to Puritans like Cotton Mather or the original hell-fire-and-brimstone preacher Jonathan Edwards, whose 1741 sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” is said to have reduced parishioners to anguished howls.

In any case, it’s clear that the left, as embodied by Hollywood, believes Edwards’ theological descendants still stalk middle America, wagging their fingers in our faces and telling us what we can and can’t do. And they, the left, are quick to condemn such “bigotry” from the “religious right.”

Unfortunately for them, this caricature of Christian conservatives doesn’t really exist except in their imagination (Westboro Baptist being perhaps the notable exception). Consider the drug-fueled, hedonistic lifestyles of the leftist Hollywood elites. Who exactly is telling them what to do?

The new reality is, in this upside-down world we now inhabit, it is “progressives” who have become the finger-waggers – the smug, intolerant, judgmental, self-righteous, hypocritical self-appointed arbiters of what people are allowed not only to do, but to say and even think.

That fact is readily apparent on college campuses, where students stage sometimes violent demonstrations to deny people they disapprove of the opportunity to be heard. Witness the riot that broke out at UC Berkeley a few weeks ago when “anti-fascists” – themselves behaving like Brownshirts – shut down a scheduled speech by right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos.

More recently, a violent assault aimed at well-known libertarian scholar Dr. Charles Murray caused his speech at Middlebury College to be canceled and sent his host, a leftist Middlebury professor, to the hospital. The attackers defended their actions by saying Murray should not be allowed to speak.

Murray’s views are indeed controversial. But declaring them so egregious that they cannot even be spoken aloud is not rational. It is the product of a religious-like zealotry that seeks to identify and eliminate heretics. Murray’s crime: failing to embrace the prevailing dogmas of academe, for which he must be silenced if not destroyed.

This is what our once-liberal institutions, like higher education and the film industry, have degenerated into: ideological witch hunts, evincing a fervor that would have put the Puritans to shame.

The problem for progressives is that the search for heretics must ultimately be directed inward. Remember, Edwards’ iconic sermon was aimed not at unbelievers but at those within the church.

That’s why we will increasingly be treated, in the coming months, to the sorry spectacle of the left eating its own – mobs of the ideologically pure turning on their secular co-religionists guilty of being insufficiently “progressive.”

That might actually be fun to watch.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**PROTECTING TAXPAYERS FROM FRAUD**

Lynne Riley, Commissioner, Georgia Dept. of Revenue  
*James* magazine, September/October 2016

The Department of Revenue is responsible for administering the tax laws of Georgia fairly and efficiently in order to promote public confidence and compliance, while providing excellent customer service. Now that electronic communication and transactions are commonplace, we face new challenges in service delivery as incidents of identity theft and fraudulent tax return filings are on the rise.

Criminals have found that computer keyboards are an effective weapon in committing acts of theft and fraud, and tax agencies have deployed defensive strategies accordingly. Whether it be one of the many data breaches that have been reported, or a spoofing of phishing scam, every incident requires agencies to modify their systems to protect the affected taxpayers. As criminals become more sophisticated in their attempts to violate taxpayers' identities and steal precious tax dollars, the department must continually update fraud defense strategies to thwart their efforts. To do this, the department recently implemented a new state-of-the-art fraud management system. This program review each income tax return filed, and employs analytical tools to verify the identity of the filer and the accuracy of the financial data presented on the tax return. Utilizing this technology, the department has already successfully blocked over \$40 million in fraudulently filed returns in 2016.

But our efforts do not stop there. In 2015, the department signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service, other state revenue departments, and companies and trade associations in the tax and financial services industries. The public-private partnership formed through the MOU stems from a security summit where tax administrators and industry leaders met to discuss threats to tax administration. The communication and information sharing agreed to in the MOU will help protect taxpayers from new threats as they are identified, and allow us to implement best practices that have been developed by peer agencies.

As you can see, the efforts to fight fraud are multifaceted. The department has advanced fraud management systems in place, but we also rely on individuals and businesses to assist in the fight. When processing an income tax return, the department looks to match information reported on the return with data provided from other sources. Employers are now required to transmit annual payroll and withholding data to the IRS and the Department of Revenue by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The department is encouraging employers to begin preparations soon to comply with these filing deadlines. The lack of this or other corroborating data will subject an individual's return to processing delays.

Any error on a return will require additional work effort, leading to a delay in the issuance of a refund. The department advocates electronic filing not only because it speeds the processing of a return, but also because it helps taxpayers spot and correct such return errors. Before issuing the refund, though, the surge in fraudulent filings means that the department must first validate key return information. The efficient issuance of refunds is therefore greatly improved by the timely submission of items such as the payroll and withholding data filed by employers.

The department encourages taxpayers to adjust their payroll withholdings with their employers by completing and submit-

ting IRS Form W-4 and GA DOR Form G-4 to receive the full benefit of their earnings throughout the year. The department also encourages Georgia taxpayers to register with the agency's Georgia Tax Center (GTC) to better monitor the status of their refunds at [gtc.dor.ga.gov](http://gtc.dor.ga.gov). In GTC, taxpayers can also activate an alert that will send them an email when a return has been filed on their account. These actions will help to reduce the chance of becoming victims of identity theft.

The Internal Revenue Service has admitted to allowing \$8.9 billion dollars to be paid out to criminals who have filed fraudulent returns in recent years, requiring taxpayers to underwrite these losses. In order to prevent this from ever happening in Georgia, the Department of Revenue will continue to work diligently to process and release tax refunds as efficiently as possible, while taking the extra precautions required to verify that funds are released to the rightful recipients.

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**HOT MESS**

Los Angeles is a hotbed of social ills, but Democrat Mayor Eric Garcetti isn't fixing those. No, he's instead obsessed with the "urban heat problem." *The Los Angeles Times* reports that Garcetti has "a sweeping plan to help L.A. live within its environmental means." Because apparently the city has a Fahrenheit budget (though its finances are \$224 million in the hole). So Garcetti is vowing "to reduce the average temperature in the metropolis by three degrees over the next 20 years." You read right. The mayor is going to turn down the temperature of the outdoors. All because "climate models" (which we know are never wrong) supposedly show that downtown L.A. will be over 95 degrees 22 days of the year. In 2050. The God-Complex mayor brought in a USC environmental engineering team – which recommends more trees and green lawns. Of course, these have been virtually outlawed thanks to L.A.'s draconian water conservation rules. The engineers also want Garcetti to repave roads with high-tech "cool pavements." Mind you, city residents would settle for any kind of pavements. According to the automotive trade publication *The News Wheel*, L.A. is the Pothole Capital of America. Maybe if the mayor wasn't so busy trying to control the climate, he'd have time to fill some holes. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Lost in the noise and excitement over the presidential election was the result of Colorado's referendum on assisted suicide. Voters approved it by two to one, about the same as the ratio by which proponents of the measure outspent opponents. Doctors may now prescribe life-ending sleep medication for adults with terminal illnesses. Colorado joins five other states in legalizing assisted suicide, which has gained popular support even as bioethicists have argued that its logic will eventually lead to ending the lives of certain children and the mentally ill. European doctors in Belgium and elsewhere have already begun to slide down that slippery slope. Right-to-die advocates have succeeded in framing the issue as a choice between suffering and hastened death. Palliative care is more expensive than euthanasia, and more difficult to administer, but also more dignified and humane. Its role in the care of individuals at the end of life has receded in the public debate over assisted suicide. Pro-life advocates should put it front and center. (*National Review*)